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District Court honors graduates of James B. Moran Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Reentry Program
Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot delivers keynote address

CHICAGO, Ill. – The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois James B. Moran Second C.H.A.N.C.E. (Court Help and Assistance Network for Community Entry) Reentry Program honored 11 individuals who have successfully completed the program in a graduation ceremony at the Urban League Club. Mayor of Chicago Lori E. Lightfoot delivered the keynote address.

“This class of Second C.H.A.N.C.E. graduates made remarkable progress toward becoming contributing, law-abiding members of their families and our community during these challenging times,” said Chief Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer.

The James B. Moran Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Reentry Program, named after the late U.S. District Judge James B. Moran, is designed to help former inmates reintegrate into the community and live law-abiding lives after they are released from prison. Second C.H.A.N.C.E. offers individuals on federal supervision a program of intensive supervision and frequent meetings with a team of judges, probation officers, Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Federal Defenders, treatment providers, and U.S. Marshals. Individuals who successfully complete the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Program are rewarded with a reduction of federal supervision.

A pop-up COVID-19 vaccination clinic was set up inside and outside the Union League Club for Re-entry Program graduates, their family members and guests, newly naturalized citizens, and passersby who had not yet been vaccinated. The Friend Health Clinic, which has established mobile vaccination units throughout the Chicago area, administered both the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines.

Retired Chief Judge Rubén Castillo and retired U.S. Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier were both honored for their long-time service on the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. team.

U.S. District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman, U.S. District Judge Sara L. Ellis, U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan E. Cox, and U.S. Magistrate Judge M. David Weisman all serve on the Second C.H.A.N.C.E. team.



Left: Keynote speaker and Mayor of Chicago Lori E. Lightfoot meets with graduates.

Below: A Second C.H.A.N.C.E. graduate fills out paperwork before receiving the COVID-19 vaccine at the pop-up vaccine clinic outside the ceremony.



Above: Second C.H.A.N.C.E. graduates pose with Second C.H.A.N.C.E. Team Judges Coleman, Cox, and Ellis.